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DEPARTMENT FOR ARA LABOR ADVISOR

PLEASE PASS AFL/CIO AND AIFLD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, AIFLD, AR
SUBJECT: AFL/CIO VISIT

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5938

1. LOCAL CLAT REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT WCL-CLAT
(WORLD CONFED. OF LABOR - LATIN AMERICAN CONFED. OF WORKERS)
DELEGATION WILL VISIT ARGENTINA AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 2. HIS PURPOSE
WAS TO INQUIRE WHETHER PROPOSED AFL/CIO
SOLIDARITY VISIT--WHICH HE HAS GOTTEN WIND OF--
WOULD COINCIDE WITH THESE DATES. WHILE CLAT
REPRESENTATIVE ASSERTED THAT BOTH AFL/CIO AND
CLAT WERE WORKING TOWARDS SIMILAR OBJECTIVES IN
ARGENTINA (I.E., RESTORATION OF TRADE UNION
LIBERTIES), HE THOUGHT EACH SIDE WOULD VIEW IT AS
UNDESIRABLE FOR THE TWO MISSIONS TO OVERLAP. SINCE
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CLAT DATES FIRM, HE CLAIMED, HE REQUESTED AFL/CIO
CHANGE ITS DATES.

2. WCL-CLAT DELEGATION TO CONSIST OF:
MARCEL PEPIN, PRESIDENT OF WCL OF CANADA;
WILLY PERENS, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF BELGIAN
CHRISTIAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION;

GUIDO GASSETTI, PRESIDENT SWISS NATIONAL
CONFEDERATION;
RAFAEL LEON LEON, CTV NATIONAL DEPUTY;
ROBERTO GONZALEZ, CLAT EXECUTIVE MEMBER,
VENEZUELAN SENATOR AND NATIONAL MEMBER OF CTV;
AND, EDUARDO GARCIA, SECRETARY GENERAL,
CLAT OF VENEZUELA.

3. PLEASE ADVISE AFL/CIO VIEWS.

4. FYI: RICARDO ELORZA, THE BROTHER OF RAMON ELORZA,
HAS ACCEDED TO DEMANDS FROM MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT
HE RESIGN HIS POST AS HEAD OF THE BUENOS AIRES
GASTRONOMIC WORKERS LOCAL LEST THE LOCAL BE INTERVENED.
ACCORDING TO RICARDO, MILITARY OFFICERS TOLD HIM
HE HAD TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF HIS BROTHER (WHOSE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WAS INTERVENED A FEW WEEKS AGO).
BOTH ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS (I.E., THE PROTAGONISTS IN
AN INTERNECINE CONFLICT WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES FOR
CONTROL OVER THE UNIONS) REPORTEDLY MENTIONED RAMON'S
INVOLVEMENT IN THE DECISION NOT TO FIELD A WORKER
DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE AND RAMON'S VISIT TO
AFL/CIO IN JUNE AS FACTORS IN THE DECISION TO INTERVENE
THE NATIONAL. RICARDO PLANNING TO JOIN RAMON
AND MEET JOINTLY WITH AFL/CIO IN WASHINGTON.
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